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N E W S R E L E A S E

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that Raymond Gonzalez, age 41, of Syracuse, New York, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to aiding and abetting a co-defendant to possess with the intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base (crack) in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

As part of his plea, Gonzalez admitted that he helped a co-defendant to store and package controlled substances including cocaine, cocaine base (crack) and heroin at a residence in the Skyline Apartments on James Street in the City of Syracuse on October 2, 2008.

GONZALEZ faces up to life imprisonment, a \$4 million dollar fine and at least five years of supervised release following any period of incarceration when he is sentenced on August 25, 2010.

The case against the co-defendant remains pending.¹

The prosecution followed an investigation conducted by the United States Marshal's Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Syracuse Office.

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John G. Duncan, the prosecutor handling the case, at 315-448-0672.

¹ The allegations contained in the Indictment are mere accusations; and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law either by way of a guilty plea or a verdict of guilty.